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# TILDEN TOPICS

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## Highest Class Averages Revealed; Provorny, Brodsky, Head Grads

Top scholars of the graduating class of January, 1963, are Fred Provorny, 8E; Alan Brodsky, 8B; and Helene Yanowitz, 8B.

Fred Provorny, top graduate, with an average of 97.4, is a participant



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in many extra-curricular activities, including the Arista Entertainment Committee, *Caravan*, *Tilden Topics*, Sing, and the math team, of which he is the captain. One of his favorite hobbies is music, as evidenced by the fact that he was a member of both the Tilden Band and the Marching Band. An active member of his youth center, he also enjoys dancing, reading, and swimming.

Alan Brodsky, with the second highest average of the January, 1963, graduating class, 95.7, has participated in a number of activities. Alan works in the Attendance Office and the Guidance Office. He is on the staff of *Polyglot*, and is a member of Arista and the Record Squad. Al-

though he enjoys all his courses at Tilden, he is especially fond of mathematics and French. In the past year, Alan has participated in two French contests, and has become a semi-finalist in both. He is undecided yet as to what college he wants to attend and is not sure yet of the vocation he will follow. Alan feels that his teachers at Tilden have stimulated him greatly.

With an average of 95.2, Helene Yanowitz is the third ranking student in the senior class. She has been an active member of Arista and a secretary for a number of teachers. Helene, has done Arista coaching and also has served on the Library Squad for four terms. Helene expects to attend Brooklyn College in February, and her ambition is to become a physician.

Sharon Schneider, whose average is 94.8, has rendered much service to Tilden. She is a member of Arista, for which she tutors, and is in the Arista Bowling League and *Polyglot*. Sharon has participated in Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Sings while serving as secretary of her official class. She has also been secretary to several teachers and administrative assistants. Outside of school, Sharon does volunteer work at Beth-El Hospital. She wishes to attend Cornell University and hopes to become a biochemist.

Martin Cohen, of official class, ranks fifth, with an average of 94.6. A member of *Polyglot*, Arista, the Script Committee of Senior Sing, and the math team, Martin is the recipient of an Ayin Award, given him by the Hebrew Culture Council. He will attend Brooklyn College in February, and expects to major in the physical sciences.

Rounding out the top ten in the class of January, 1963 are Ellen Krellenstein, 8D; Robert Cohen, 8B; Lorraine Lipschitz, 8A; Rochelle Sherman, 8A; and Robin Alster, 8A. They are all to be congratulated upon their superior scholastic achievement.

## Offer New Courses In Math and History

Advanced courses will be given next term by the history and math departments.

An enriched course in American History is being offered to selected students who are capable of advanced work. Students who take this course will be given work on the college level. These students will take three terms of American History, plus the term of economics. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Abraham Venit, chairman of the History Department.

Solid geometry is being offered by

the math department, in addition to matrix algebra and advanced placement in calculus. Another course added to the curriculum is Probability Theory and Statistics. Information concerning enrollment in the courses can be gotten from Mr. George Ross, chairman of the Math Department.

It is hoped that the addition of these new courses will stimulate new interest in the aforementioned fields. New courses may also be added in coming semesters.

## Student Poll on Cuban Crisis Reports Tildenites' Opinions

	Yes	No	No Opinion
1. Do you approve President Kennedy's action on Cuba? .....	2713	175	73
2. Do you think President Kennedy should have consulted the U.N. before taking action? .....	865	1828	294
3. If our "quarantine" of Cuba fails, are you in favor of invasion of Cuba? .....	1339	1055	315
4. Are you in favor of evacuating our base in Turkey in exchange for the dismantling of Russian missile sites in Cuba? .....	640	2037	193
5. Are you in favor of a summit meeting between President Kennedy and Khrushchev? .....	2360	463	161

In light of the Cuban crisis, a Student Opinion Poll was conducted by the Social Studies Department Monday, October 29, seven days after President Kennedy's quarantine of arms shipments to Cuba.

The students who voted were those who are taking subjects in the field of social studies. In this way, 3000 of Tilden's 5000 students were directly involved in the poll.

Mr. Abraham Venit, Chairman of the Social Studies Department and sponsor of the project, expressed the opinion that the poll was useful because it represented the thinking of Tilden's students. He thought it was probable that the results of the poll conform with public opinion in general. When asked about those students who showed inconsistency in thinking by voting "yes" on both questions one and two, Mr. Venit commented that a poll doesn't indicate "the intensity of conviction" on the part of the students. Because of this, a student who didn't feel too strongly about question one, but very strongly on question two, could have voted "yes" on both.

The results, in Mr. Venit's opinion, revealed that Tilden students aren't "fire-eaters" because there wasn't a majority in favor of an invasion of Cuba. The students were also heavily for a summit meeting and approved of President Kennedy's action on Cuba.

The poll was formulated by a committee of social studies teachers.

## Sing Is Coming!

Tilden's annual Sing will take place December 13, 14, and 15. The dress rehearsal will be held Thursday, December 13. The show will start at 7:15, and tickets are being sold at \$.75 for this performance. Tickets for Friday and Saturday night, December 14 and 15 respectively, can be purchased at \$1.50. Showtime for Friday and Saturday evenings is 8:15. There will be no sale of tickets at the door and no standing room.

Sing tickets ordered by members of Sing must be picked up before the end of November. At that time public sale of tickets will begin. All seats are reserved.

## Tilden Reactivates Alumni Association

Tilden's Alumni Association, holding its first meeting since 1952, discussed plans for reactivating the organization at a meeting November 1 in Tilden's library. Twenty-five graduates and Mr. Abraham Margolies, principal of Tilden, were present.

Temporary officers were elected and two committees formed. One will determine the objectives of the Association with a view to revising its constitution. The second committee is to gain information from the activities of other alumni groups.

The only definite project planned until the next meeting in the first week of February will be the Alumni Reunion on December 21. All ex-Tildenites are invited to attend.

The administration requests any student who knows of a graduate to pass on news of the reactivation. Graduates desiring to be on the mailing list should send their name and address to Mr. Samuel Saltz, c/o Tilden High School.

Work is progressing, says Mr. Saltz, Dean of the mid-session, on welding the Class of January 1963 into a strong association.

## Celebs Announced at Hop; Weiner, Mazur, Top List

Awards were presented to the winners of the senior celebrity contest at the semi-annual Red Letter Hop, held Friday evening, November 16, in the Boys' Gymnasium.



Esther Mazur and Jerry Weiner pose for *Topics'* candid camera.

After the traditional dance in the Boys' Gym, with music provided by the Tilden Dance Band, everyone proceeded to the auditorium where the winners were named.

### Mr. and Miss Tilden Announced

Jerry Weiner, of official class 8F, was elected Mr. Tilden. He is a member of the Executive Board and the Board of Governors. He was also on the track team.

Elected to the position of Miss Tilden was Esther Mazur, 8G. She is in the orchestra, Twirlers, and is a member of the Drama Guild. She is also a participant in Senior Sing.

### Other Titles Awarded

Jay Gottlieb was elected Most Versatile Boy, while his female counterpart was Linda Herman. Fred Provorny and Cynthia Harrison attained the titles of Boy and Girl Most Likely to Succeed, respectively. Triumphant as Handsomest Senior was Martin Rabinowitz and Iris Teitzman was chosen Prettiest Senior. Best Girl Dancer was Judy Lisnow, and Miss Dimples, Judie Pinsky. Harriet Schultz received the title of Best Girl Athlete, while Mike Elman ran unopposed for Best Boy Athlete.

Selected Most Popular were Mike Simon and Linda Nardella, while Joan Matthews was Best Dressed Girl. Best Dressed Boy was Sheila Broder. Ruth Litvin was chosen Most Cheerful and Bonnie Tursky, Most Charming. Elected Class Wit was Stuart Bernstein; Jesse Platt received the title of Class Musician. Chosen as Cutest Senior was Helen Chern; Class Artist, Sam Aaron, and Class Dramatist, Susan Feifer. Alan Schnurman and Bob Padernacht, and Sandra and Gloria Pudick, were awarded the title of Most Popular Pair of Boys and Girls, respectively.

The following students ran unopposed for these titles: Class Journalist, Arthur Weinstein; Best Dressed Boy, Jerry Raymond; Class Orator, Joan Bloomberg, and Class Vocalist, Toby Sherotsky.

Runners-up in the competitions were: Mr. Tilden, Pete Yourmen; Miss Tilden, Doreen Feigenbaum, Elaine Schiller, and Joni Cincotta; Most Versatile Boy, Steven Kaye; Most Versatile Girl, Sandy Turkevitz, and Phyllis Lubel; Boy Most Likely to Succeed, Seymour Stern, Joseph Richmond, Irwin Zaretsky, Stephen Raskob, and Steven Schlossberg; Girl Most Likely to Succeed, Susan Feinblatt, Helene Yanowitz, and Helene Solomon; Prettiest Senior, Susan Schenkman and Rene Merow; and, for Handsomest Senior, Mark Sellinger.

## Neophyte Sing Held By New Aristonians

This year's Annual Neophyte Sing, presented by the Arista honor society, was held on the afternoon of October 26, 1962 in Tilden's auditorium. The theme for this year's presentation was entitled *Angels vs. Devils*.

Leaders for the sing were selected at an Arista meeting, and the remaining neophytes were divided alphabetically into two groups.

Heading the *Angels* sing were Susan Kanterman, choral leader, Ken Hurowitz, chairman, and Stuart Brink, pianist. Chairman of the *Devils* group was Rae Sorkin, with Marian Shulman and Mike Trigoboff, choral leader and accordionist, respectively.

The *Angels* held a trial to see if the *Devils* should enter the Pearly Gates. An Arista interview was the theme of the *Devils'* Sing.



Most Popular Pair of Boys: Bob Padernacht and Alan Schnurman.

Others vying for the various titles were: Best Girl Dancer, Maxine Barasch, and Karen Orkin; Most Popular Boy, Alan Farber, Joel Fried, Sandy Login and Malcolm Taub; Most Popular Girl, Nancy Saidman, Eileen Schneidmeyer, and Susan Weckstein; Boy Who Did Most, Jay Shulman; Girl Who Did Most, Elaine Lapidus and Edythe Hoffman; Best Girl Athlete, Phyllis Entin; Miss Dimples, Sheila Paul, Merrilee Cambe, Fay Alpert, Ina Auerbach; Best Dressed Girl, Bonnie Simmons and Susan Felscher; Class Wit, Leonard Gold; Class Musician, Eric Litt and Michael Emmerman; and Class Dramatist, Sheila Brandwein.

Contending for Most Cheerful were Roslyn Koster, Francine Resnick, Sharon Kaemen, Lois Subotnick, Michele Frank, Mary Jo Giannavola, and Eileen Ayman; Most Popular Pair (Boys), Herb Selzer and Walter Rubinstein, Russell Lesser and War-

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## From the Principal:

## The Role of Science in High School

My dear students:

Ever since the Russians sent Sputnik I soaring into space a few years ago, American schools have become concerned about the place of science education in our curriculum. Prodded by public opinion, educators began to ask themselves such questions as: "Are our bright students ducking courses in chemistry, physics and experimental biology?" "If so, why?"

A study of our high school curriculum thirty years ago in the City of New York reveals that 75% of our academic students took either chemistry or physics, or both. Today, only one-third of our academic students elect chemistry and only about 10% elect physics.

Why are capable students ducking these courses? The answer seems to lie in an erroneous conception—that these courses are too difficult and that the students' marks will be lower than if they were to elect easier courses. It is true that for certain students who have little or no bent in the direction of science or mathematics, the taking of chemistry or physics may not be advisable. However, there are a considerable number of students with keen intelligence and alert minds, who are taking the easy way out. In the last analysis, they are fooling no one but themselves.

In this day and age, a person without a sound scientific background can hardly call himself educated. It is not simply a matter of catching up with

the Russians. It is rather a case of getting a well-rounded education to meet the demands of society in the year 1962. Just as the Renaissance was pre-eminently the age of art and literature, so the twentieth century is pre-eminently the age of science and technology. This does not mean that the humanities (literature, social sciences, foreign languages, music and art) must be relegated to a secondary position in our school offerings. The world would be a sad place indeed, without these arts. A modern curriculum must combine the humanities with the sciences.

As for the argument that your marks will be lower if you take chemistry, physics, or experimental biology, rather than some other subject, the facts do not bear this out. By and large, our students taking the sciences do as well as in the less demanding courses of the school. Furthermore, from the practical point of view, you are better off presenting college admissions officers with a record which shows a sequence of solid courses than one weakened by soft spots.

For those of you, then, who are good students with an aptitude for science, plan, by all means, to take chemistry and physics and/or experimental biology as part of your total educational experience at Tilden.

Cordially yours,  
Abraham Margolies  
Principal

## Mid-Terms Provide Problem for Students

Ever since I can remember (well, at least since last week), my teachers have been obsessed with one drive. This obsession is to give as many tests in an eight period day as possible (this is quite a strain if you only have six periods). It seems that all teachers of all subjects get together and decide to give a series of tests all within a similar range of time. In other words, tomorrow, students, you are going to get tests in five majors and lunch (10 points apiece for each tuna fish sandwich consumed). Of course, you get an extra bonus if you're able to choke down a glass of milk to push down the tuna fish.

As the middle of the term approaches, there's an overhanging cloud of doom. You know, the granddaddy of all the tests—Midterms (appropriately named?). These tests (there's that word again) are supposed to measure how much you absorbed during the first half of the term, and how much you had better absorb the second half in order to pass this course.

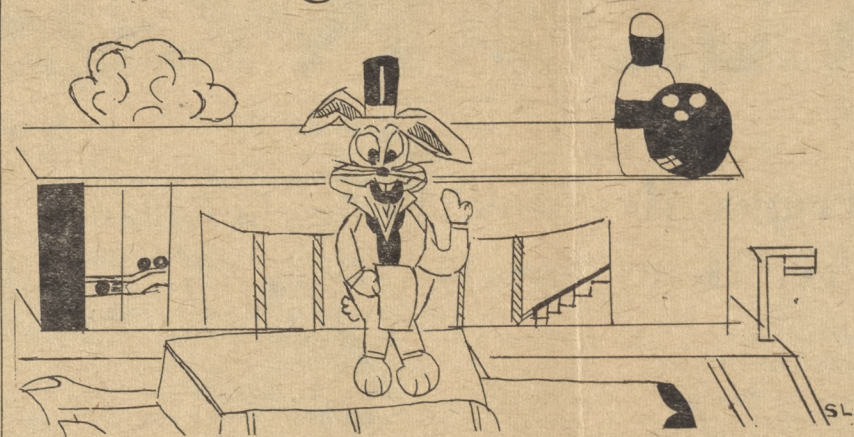
Of course just before the exam (another word for T-E-S-T), we get the famous "review lesson." This is a rattling off (at lightning speed) of the many topics we are responsible for. Of course, we didn't cover them all on account of our teacher's being absent several days . . . we fooled around quite a bit. It's not the teacher's fault; he warned us we wouldn't finish. Of course, our studying with the T.V. and Hi-Fi blasting away had nothing to do with it!

Who could possibly conceive of having one midterm a day? Horrors! What a crime (gasp). Why, I wouldn't know what to do with the rest of the day. Just so's I don't get bored, they arranged for me to take my midterms evenly spaced; one every two hours . . . *Lucky Me!*

Of course I get to take my tests in a nice well lighted, spacious, comfortable room. (In other words, the Conflict Room). Naturally if you sneeze your handkerchief has to be inspected for any telltale marks or answers. But, it is so good to take a test in such a pleasant atmosphere. And we really have a long vacation to recuperate from our tests (a whole 12 hours), and nothing to look forward to.

Susan Feinblatt

## Non-Conformist Uncovers New League Activities



It has been brought to our attention, through a carefully-conducted survey (also called eavesdropping), that Tildenites are not spending their leisure time on worthwhile activities. Let's face it—homework is okay in its place (it is?), but we ought to be more ingenious (some of us are). You too can come up with such unique ideas as these (we know you won't want to, but you can):

Instead of being conforming and migrating to the Highway every Friday night, why not try Kosciusko Street? You may be the only one there (after all, who'd go to a place called Kosciusko Street?) but at least you'll be an individualist, and that's worth *Something* (we're not saying what.)

And let's forget about those convivial (*Learning Words*, 12th Year) social clubs with the Greek names (we're not allowed to say "fraternities"). If you *must* be with a group, how about trekking up to Newcastle (coals are optional) and attending the weekly meetings of the Peter Rabbit Fan Club, or some such exhilarating clan.

Rather than spend an evening in front of a well-known bowling alley (since you're too cheap to pay the \$1.50 to get in) why not do something CULTURAL for once? (You've heard of culture—it's what they grow bacteria in). Since we don't want to make these changes too rapidly, start small. Try jumping on top of a car near the bowling alley and reciting the Gettysburg Address. It may not do much for *you*, but think how it'll affect everybody else.

You could always try water-skiing in your bathtub. It's not much fun, but what a challenge!

If you're athletically inclined, you might run relay races up and down Flatbush Avenue. (10 to 1 you'll win, since there's a good chance no one will compete against you.)

For a really different evening, you can ramble around taking a poll. Ask a stimulating, thought-provoking question, like "Why am I wasting a perfectly good night taking this ridiculous poll?" Who knows, you may even find out. How does, "Why do you think Colgate Moustache Wax has been discontinued?" strike you?

If you try all the above and then get desperate (believe me, if you try any of them, you already are desperate), there's only one thing to do—pretend it's last year and go to Max's.

Carol Fingerroth

## Guidance Department's Objectives Evaluated by Miss Rebecca Grand

Take the problems that you, as a student, face about high school, careers, getting along with other people, and multiply them by 5,000. That will give you an idea of the work facing the guidance department and its chairman, Miss Rebecca F. Grand.

Miss Grand, Administrative-Assistant-in-Charge-of-Guidance, disclosed that years of training in psychology and child guidance, as well as teaching experience, were necessary to attain the position which she now holds.

Although each counselor has approximately 460 students to counsel, plus three classes to teach each day, he manages some time during the school year to see each student individually. Many times, during these private individual interviews, a question comes up where a counselor

consults Miss Grand. It is necessary to do this when another opinion is needed to help solve the problem.

All students are acquainted with the notices sent to official classes concerning such things as college and career conferences, scholarship programs, and special tests. These are sent by Miss Grand to inform us of things that may be of interest and importance for our future.

Miss Grand is in charge of the career and college conferences which take place on Wednesdays during the

long official period. She selects topics which she thinks students may be interested in as possible vocations. Requests for references from alumni concerning their applications for jobs have often come to her. She uses these requests as a basis for judging the possible interest of students in a conference in the field.

She feels that the improper behavior and dress of any small minority is apt to give prospective employers as well as the community a bad impression concerning the entire student body. More important is the

fact that some of these things may be bad for your own development. Miss Grand stresses this point constantly in her everyday dealings with students.

"What we as teachers are interested in, and feel responsible for is to help young people to grow up to be happy, healthy and successful adults. This may mean postponing some pleasures and satisfactions for later, but we are more interested in an individual's lifetime and not just his few years in high school.

"Remember, the next time you are given certain rules to conform to, or an assignment to go to a conference, stop and think of the implications of living up to this for your entire lifetime and not just this day or week. It is the long view of life that is most important."

Joni Cincotta



By SANDY RABINOWITZ

The Tilden Drama Guild's presentation of *The Ugly Duckling*, by A. A. Milne, was an experiment in the bizarre. The viewer was treated to everything from a delightfully nonsensical ballad (accompanied by a "world renowned" guitarist), to the blare of a trumpet which (purposely) never quite reached the proper note. A truly musical note was injected by Richard Chiger, (the court jester) who opened the play with a song.

The music wasn't the only off-beat element. Colorful, original scenery added to the atmosphere. The attractive costumes looked professional. The timing, the lighting, and all of the other elements of production were well co-ordinated.

From the first line, we are introduced to the zaniest government administrators the world has ever known. The King (played by Mike Schwimmer) has the horrible habit of misplacing citizens in the moat. The Queen (portrayed by Lynn Globberman) uses rather unfeminine tactics to keep her husband on his royal toes. Sharyn Mark, who alternates as the Princess with Bella Grushka, is at times literally carried away by her part. She and her Prince Charming go through a tangle of misrepresentations before they finally find the altar (and true happiness, of course). It seems that, due to their ungainly appearance, their friends have arranged a proxy wedding. Naturally, all doesn't go off as planned, the true lovers meet, and confusion reigns in the kingdom.

Prince Simon (better known as Noel Newman) makes an entrance that could top Loretta Young for originality. He is literally off to a flying start.

As the appreciative audience indicated, the Guild's enactment of *The Ugly Duckling* was certainly royal comedy.

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## A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

By ARTHUR WEINSTEIN

As some of you inveterate readers of *Topics* may remember, my method of doing term papers is a bit unconventional. "You faked it, didn't you!" as one of my teachers so aptly put it. All this takes me back to the year 1917. 1917 was a bad year for Czars. It was also a bad year for term papers. It was the year they were invented. (No, not the Czars; the term papers) Term papers are one of the few things really first invented by the Russians. It is also one of the few things the Russians haven't claimed to invent first. It is easy to see why.

Many books give the reason for the Russian Revolution as the need for land reform. Actually, it started because Czar Ivan the Terrible assigned term reports to the peasants. (The origin of Ivan's nickname should by now be evident.) This aroused great discontent, as the problem of doing a term paper when no one has ever done one before should be evident. The fact that 80% of the population was illiterate did not make it any easier either.

In 1917, matters came to a head. The head was Nicholas II's. The matters were bullets, rocks, and bombs. In a fit of ironical vengeance he created footnotes. This was just too much and the peasants, fed up with Nicholas, his regime, his term papers, and everything but food, eliminated him.

The Communists then took over, under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky, and with the slogan "peace, bread, land, and let's get rid of these crummy term papers." Today the abolition of term papers fits in perfectly with the Soviet policy of not letting anybody find out too much. It is doubtful Radio Free Europe goes out of its way to mention the fact, though.

However, it appears that term papers in the U.S. are here to stay. So are students trying to avoid them. Keep tuned to this column for further developments.



## ON THE SIDELINES

with  
Robert Cohen  
and  
Martin Paris

For the last two issues, we have attempted to give as detailed as possible a run down on this year's football squads, strengths and weaknesses. But equally important to the success of any team are the activities of the students who work in the background, but whose work actually makes it possible for the team to function as well as it does. On the football team, these jobs are accomplished with the aid of a staff of "managers" headed by Fred Gomer and Jerry Taylor. It is these boys' responsibility to supervise the distribution of material and equipment for the players on the squad,



Fred Gomer

help in the alteration of individual equipment and the actual first aid emergencies arising within the course of the game itself. It is not a unique sight to see a player being helped off the field during the game, and it is the job of these boys to see that the injury is treated as quickly and as well as possible. The fact that the team has had only two players lost by injury for the season (Richie Heiss and Richie Narby) and that Marc Rosenwasser and Mel Radowitz, two most vital backfield men, have been able to play although injured, is certainly a tribute to their fine work.

The two head managers are ably assisted by Allan Levy, Paul Nussbaum and Harvey Quitko.

## Where Are They Now Department

The success of any athletic program can be measured directly by the number of graduates who move from high school to college competition. In this respect, both the football and basketball teams have achieved an astounding 95% rate of advancement. Among the most notable from the football squad are Richie Garcia at C. W. Post; Cubby Forster at Northeastern; Carl Johnson at Eastern New Mexico; Harvey Rubin at Columbia, who has recently been billed in the newspapers as the future receiver for All American candidate Archie Roberts; and of course, the incomparable Ronnie Bley, currently in the starting backfield at Notre Dame, where, until recently, he was the leading ground gainer. Among the basketball notables are Len Kamen, currently playing for the Buckeyes of Ohio State; Bob Kranz and Arnie Shanker at Southwest Louisiana; Ronnie Kemper, now captain at Brandeis University; and Hal Judis, who has just become the third highest scorer in Lycoming's seventy year history.



Charlie Gunther

## Charlie Gunther Better School's Cross Country Mark

One of the more regrettable side effects of the football season is the fact that so many other sports are literally drowned in the wake of the school's preoccupation with football results. One can barely take notice of notable achievements in other fields. Thus, relatively unheralded by the student body, the track team, under the direction of Mr. Joel Hochheiser has progressed in two short years to the foreground of track competition in New York City. Recently, this forward march was climaxed when Charlie Gunther broke an 11 year school record by running the cross-country event, a gruelling 2½ miles over hills and natural obstacles, in the City Championships in the record time of 14:05 minutes thereby chopping a full six seconds over the old record, certainly a glowing tribute to both the stamina of the runner and the ability of the coach.



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## Sportopics

In the P.S.A.L. meet, the *Hochheisers* place 18th in the city. The team was sparked on by the superb running of Charlie Gunther. At this meet, Charlie broke the Tilden cross country record with a time of 14:0, and placed 13th in the city and 3rd in Brooklyn. Credit is also due to Joe Leito, Bob McKeon, Paul Scheier, and Bruce Miller who also did a fine job.

The next meet was the Brooklyn Champs and once again Tilden fared well by placing 7th even though the team was hindered by poor weather and a muddy course. In this meet, Charlie Gunther also placed 7th with a time of 14:24.

Much of the team's success was due to Charlie Gunther's great running. Coach Hochheiser stated that, as one of the captains, his leadership, consistency, sportsmanship and character have helped make him one of Tilden's greatest runners.

After suffering defeats in their first two meets, Tilden's Mermen took their revenge on Ft. Hamilton. From the first event, it was Tilden's meet all the way.

Capt. Paul Irgang started things on the right foot by winning the 100 yd. freestyle in record time. Thomas Frankel then copped the 100 yd. breast stroke, finishing far ahead of his nearest opponent.

The Mermen, represented by John Glick and Mark Sellinger (200 yd. freestyle) in addition to Norman Lovitch and Warren Bluestein (400 yd. freestyle), finished 1, 2 in each of these events. The only Merman to come in second to a Ft. Hamilton swimmer was Thomas Link, who turned in a fine performance, nonetheless.

Diving honors were taken by Hy-mie Dymbart and Mark Goldberg, and Lenny Boral won the individual medley.

## Marsmen Edge Jeff 14-6; End Season with 4-3 Log



GLAD TO SEE YOU: Lou Vega frustrates onrushing tacklers as he completes pass in 18-0 victory over Lincoln. Lou averaged 28 yards per throw.

In a stunning reverse of early season form, the Blue Devils lost their second straight heart-breaking PSAL contest to an inspired Midwood team, 14-8. Tilden completely dominated the first half and climaxed a strong offensive drive by a touchdown scored by halfback Ron Forresta and a two point conversion by halfback Mel Radowitz. However, in the second half, the Blue Devils could not click for a score and were held to a meager 11 yards as compared to 90 yards in the first half. Midwood's scoring came in the third quarter on runs of 3 and 5 yards by Sam Demarco and Al Tauritz.

Eager for revenge after 2 demoralizing losses to New Utrecht and Midwood, the Tilden *Blue Devils* overwhelmed highly-touted Lincoln, 18-0, on November 5. It was a game in which the offense and defense played exceptional ball and enabled the team to regain its stature among the best teams in the city.

Tilden's first score came in the second quarter on a 6 yard run by junior halfback Morris Wechsler after a sensational catch by Ron Forresta of a 38 yard pass from Lou Vega. Tilden tallied for its second score of the game minutes later as end Philip Sturman pulled in a 20 yard pass. In the final quarter, Mel Radowitz intercepted on the Lincoln 15 and scored on a 2 yard run several plays later. Quarterback Lou Vega led the team offensively as he completed 6 out of 9 passes for an impressive total of 138 yards passing. A potent force in Tilden's attack was the defense's prowess in grabbing interceptions and recovering fumbles. Charlie Puleo distinguished himself by picking off three out of four of Tilden's interceptions, and Sam Podolak led the team in tackles with 18.

## Tilden Bows to Jay 12-6

A week later, fresh from the win over Lincoln, an overconfident Tilden team was stunned by the hard-running backs of John Jay as they went down in defeat, 12-6.

Tilden scored first as Marc Rosenwasser intercepted a pass on the John Jay 38. Quarterback Lou Vega unleashed a 33 yard pass to Ron Forresta and, as a result of a pass interference penalty, the Blue Devils got the ball on the 5. From there, halfback Morris Wechsler scored on a five yard run. At the end of the first half the score remained 6-0. John Jay's first tally came on a tremendous 65 yard run on an off-tackle play by fullback Joey Corrado. John Jay scored again in less than a minute as halfback Vic DeJesus took a Tilden punt on his own 30 yard line, and, displaying great open field running and elusiveness, ran 70 yards for the score.

Trailing by 12-6, with only 4 minutes remaining, the offense began to roll again. On a running and passing series, the team got to the John Jay 18. However, an interception in the end zone stifled that effort. Tilden got the ball again with less than 2 minutes to play and moved to the Jay 25 on jarring runs by Lou Vega, who proved his real worth as a running quarterback. But once more the *Blue Devils* could not score as a holding penalty cost them 15 yards and took the steam out of the drive.

Season Ends on Victorious Note  
The Tilden *Blue Devils* ended the 1962 season in fine style by defeating their perennial rivals, the *Orangemen* of Jefferson, by a 14-6 score in the annual Thanksgiving game played November 23.

The *Orangemen* could not muster a score in the first half, as the strong Tilden defense stopped them cold. Tilden's first touchdown was scored in the second quarter as Mel Radowitz ran 11 yards for the tally. Lou Vega scored the conversion on an end run. Jeff made the score 8-6 on a pass from the quarterback to end Charles Escalante. Tilden's final score was set up by a fumble recovery by tackle Sheldon Lederman on the Jeff 28. A series of plays brought the ball to the 15 where Vega hit end Marty Rabinowitz for the touchdown.

## Cagers Bomb Hamilton, John Jay; Edge Midwood 34-32; Record 3-0

Tilden's basketball team successfully opened the season with victories over Fort Hamilton, John Jay and Midwood.

The Tildenites had little difficulty with Hamilton and Jay, beating the former 82-42 and the latter 65-40. However, Midwood presented a strong defensive team which battled Tilden to a virtual tie. Ira Wechsler's basket with 4 seconds remaining in the game gave Tilden a 34-32 victory.

The mode of play in this game was set from the very beginning. Not until 2½ minutes had gone by did a team score and that was on a foul shot by Tilden's Richard Knel. The game became a battle of defenses. Ira Wechsler and Jeff Brodie gave Tilden a slight margin of 4 points, but 5 fouls by Tilden in the period took their toll. Midwood capitalized on two 3 point plays and gained a 4 point lead. Tilden finally managed a 16-13 lead. The *Goldmen* pulled away to 23-17 in the second quarter, only to have Midwood employ a frantic all court press which netted 4 points. The teams were even in the second period, each tallying 9 points.

## Second Half Thriller

Wechsler sat out most of the second half with 4 fouls. Jeff Bodie kept

Tilden in the game with driving layups and jump shots. Dave Fessler and Larry Roth held Midwood close with great defensive play.

Tilden trailed 30-29 with one minute, fifteen seconds remaining to play. Wechsler returned and promptly hit for a 3 point play and a 32-30 lead for Tilden. It was Midwood's ball with 55 seconds left. Their shot went off the rim and Fessler came away with the rebound. Bodie brought the ball up court slowly. Midwood's Dresser stole the ball and drove unmolested to tie the game with 8 seconds left. Tilden called time to set up a play. Roth fed the ball to Fessler, who gave it to Wechsler in the key. Ira drove among three defenders and banked one off the backboard with four seconds left, giving Tilden a hard-fought victory in its first league game.

In the Hamilton game, Tilden's offense as well as its defense was effective. Outscored two to one, the Hamiltonians were forced into taking poor shots. Ira Wechsler scored 24 points, 13 in a row; Bodie 18; Steve Lynn 10; and Dave Fessler 9. Fred Kornblith, a sophomore, started this game.

Against John Jay, Ira again scored 24 points with Larry Roth and Jeff Bodie contributing 16 and 15.

## Touchdown Talk

Ball-snapper Bruce Lipschitz, a bruising 220 pound, 6'1" center on Tilden's *Blue Devils*, is back for his second season at Tilden.

A center on offense and guard on defense, Bruce has progressed amazingly well in a short span of time. His rating as a starter in only his second year of play readily attests to this.

His play in the heartbreaking New Utrecht game this year, was one of the best performances by any lineman so far this year. Bruce was in on numerous tackles and threw many key blocks.

He is eagerly awaiting the Thanksgiving Day encounter with Jefferson High School.

Desire is one good way to describe 150 lb., 5'6" quarterback Lou Vega. What he lacks in size, elusive Louie makes up for in desire and ability.

Besides being the signal caller on the football team Lou is a member of the track team and is co-capt. of the baseball team.

His finest hour of football took place in the recent 18-0 whitewashing of Lincoln. Lou gained over 130 yards in the air and hit for six of nine passes.

Lou plans to enter the Air Force after graduation where he hopes to become a jet engine mechanic.

He believes that the climax of this season will come on November 22 when Tilden plays Jefferson.

Forming part of the nucleus of Tilden's offensive backfield is 5'9", 170 pound senior halfback, Marc Rosenwasser.

As a returning regular, Marc showed great promise based upon last season's record. Although Marc played in only the first two games of the season, due to an injury, Marc scored three touchdowns. This year, Marc made an auspicious beginning reaching the end zone four times in two games, but having two touchdowns nullified by penalties. As fate would have it, Marc suffered another injury in the early part of the season. This placed a damper on his play. Upon graduation, Marc hopes to attend William and Mary College.



The other starting halfback in Tilden's backfield is Ron Forresta, a 5'9", 165 pound senior. Ron, an explosive runner, who is always a potent offensive threat, is Tilden's leading ground gainer. Last year, the speedy halfback lead the team in scoring with a total of 56 points. In the Midwood game, Ron reached his peak, scoring three touchdowns.

The shifty halfback also plays opposite Marc in the secondary on defense. It was alert playing on his part which enabled him to pick off a pass in the Utrecht game and race ninety-nine yards. However, the touchdown that would have brought victory to Tilden was nullified because of a penalty.



## Eddie Fisher Records Views on Show Biz

Eddie Fisher is making his Broadway debut as the star of his own show, "Eddie Fisher at the Winter Garden." Recently, members of *Topics* were invited to attend an interview given by this talented performer.

When Mr. Fisher arrived, he greeted us with a friendly "Hello," and before he had a chance to say another word, the questions began.

The first question, about the Cuban situation, brought a quick and emphatic endorsement of the President's actions. Then, just as quickly, the subject switched to show business, and Mr. Fisher told us how his career began.



Eddie Fisher

His first job was singing in a nightclub for fifteen dollars a week. His big break finally came in 1949 when Eddie Cantor discovered him at Grossinger's Country Club. Impressed by Mr. Fisher's talents, Eddie Cantor invited him to join a tour he was making.

This tour also started Eddie Fisher's recording career. He holds a record of having twenty-two hits in a row, and he has cut fifteen albums.

When asked what he considers success to be, Mr. Fisher said that to him, success is being happy in one's work, having peace of mind, giving, and enjoying giving.

Mr. Fisher told us he was sorry that he did not have the opportunity to attend college, and said that a good education was essential in any profession—including show business.

In answer to a question about how one can go about getting into show business, Mr. Fisher said that there is no set way to do it. One must have timing, talent and luck, and must be at the right place at the right time. The aspiring star must be sure he has talent and not merely wasting his time. According to Mr. Fisher, there isn't a tougher business than show business.

Mr. Fisher will never do series television again because it entails too much strain. He will do about two special shows per year, however, and several guest appearances. We hope that in the near future he will return to New York.

Susan Feinblatt  
Robin Alster

dorsed by the New York City Board of Education and the United States Government. There are chapters of HISCUN throughout the nation. Every spring term, it holds a workshop for high school students, and anyone interested in attending this workshop should contact Paul Goldberg in the *Topics* office.



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## Celebs

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ren Busch, Stephen Poris and Teddy Slotkin, and Stu Lederman and Barry Sherman; Most Popular Pair (Girls), Susan Shapiro and Bonnie Spatz, and Barbara Ruderman and Ronnie Ross.

Running for Most Charming were Andrea Litsky, Helene Bolton, Robin Alster, Lucille Del Terzo, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Elissa Kaplan; Cutest Senior, Phyllis Levine, Sheila Pollinger, and Ellen Karp; and for Class Artist, Arlene Medoff, Gloria Kunkes, and Margaret Auster.

### Adviser Coordinates Activities

Names of the candidates were announced at the Celebrity Hop, held Friday evening, October 19. Elections for the aforementioned positions were held Wednesday, October 31. The Red Letter Hop, like all other Senior activities, was supervised by Mr. Milton Teitelbaum, acting Senior Adviser.

Robert Ellman, Sam Roberts and Michael Seder

## G.O. Newsletter

Dear fellow students:

We officers of Tilden's General Organization—President Steve Shapiro, Vice President Morty Alexander, and Secretary Joel Cohen — have been working on a number of matters, since taking office in September.

But why beat around the bush? The matter that you're all waiting to read about is one which has haunted Tilden for over 30 years. You guessed it—*Co-ed lunch!* The movement for it this year has taken the form, so far, of a sensible, constructive discussion with our principal, Mr. Margolies, by a committee of G.O. Representatives appointed by the President and Vice President. In addition to the three officers, the committee included Helen Chern, Mike Goodman, Pat Palone, Buddy Litvin, Bryna Czeladnicki, and Jeff Fox. Also in attendance were Mr. Joseph Smallberg, G.O. Faculty Advisor, and Mr. Samuel Saltz, Dean of the afternoon session.

The prospect of a co-ed lunchroom seemed high as the committee submitted what we considered a fine plan and was boosted by the oratory of Morty Alexander, the logic of Mike Goodman, and support from Mr. Saltz. Mr. Margolies, seriously considering the matter, has asked Mr. Metlis to inspect the coeducational cafeterias of other schools and will call another meeting soon to announce his decision.

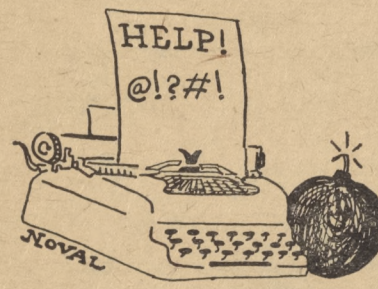
There are many more things you can expect from the G.O. For instance, expect a new idea for a spectacular G.O. Dance later this year. There will be a bulletin board mounted outside the G.O. office, room 318.

Sincerely,  
S. Shapiro, M. Alexander  
and J. Cohen

## INSIDE



By ELAINE LAPIDUS and SANDY RABINOWITZ



## TILDEN



The great debate is on! The writests claim that writing term papers is easier than taking mid-terms (a meduvious point). However, the above-pictured have more immediate problems. Like this column.

### Swell Staff Swells

Our Physical Science Department has just exploded—population-wise, of course. The new additions are Mr. Pasternack, chairman of the department, Mr. Warman, physics and earth science teacher, Mr. Lippe, who teaches biology and earth science, Mr. Weiss, teacher of chemistry, and Mr. Kipnis, physics lab assistant. We hope it's only the population that explodes.

### Dance, Dance, Everybody . . .

The Brooklyn Jewish Center sponsors a club program for boys and girls between the ages of nine and seventeen. It offers social, athletic, and cultural opportunities, including trips, movies, crafts, discussions, and folk dance instruction. In addition, it has a teen-age lounge and a special college-age group. The number to call for information is HY 3-8800. We'll bet they do one horror of a hora (Agatha, will you please cut the sick humor!).

### Beyond the Call of Duty

Mr. John O'Shea, physical education teacher of Tilden, was honored as a humanitarian for his efforts on behalf of the Chinese exiles of Hong Kong. Reverend John Moore had appealed to Mr. O'Shea from a Catholic mission in China.

Mr. O'Shea was president of the Holy Name Society in Flatbush. He is a member of the American Legion and the campaign manager for Congressman Abraham J. Multer. We are honored to have such a citizen in our school. Since we don't wear hats, our kerchiefs are off to you, Mr. O'Shea!

### The Root of All Evil . . .

Money! You can win a scholarship (from the book of the same name). The Armco Steel Corporation and the National Society of Professional Engineers are jointly sponsoring a scholarship program. This year, five scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must rank in the first quartile of their high school graduating class (Get the dictionary out, Agatha. "Quartile," with a "q", not a "k") and they must plan to study civil engineering at an accredited college or university. All interested students should see Miss Grand in room 130.

### In the Realm of Languages . . .

Can you imagine doing Tennessee Williams in French? Neither can we, but apparently Rochelle Chensky, 17, has found a way. Rochelle has won a year's scholarship to the Centre d'Art Dramatique. Her teacher will be Mme. Eve Daniel. In order to qualify, Rochelle had to recite a selection in French. She is looking forward to participating in the production of French plays. If you produce *Joan of Arc*, Rochelle, don't get carried away!



R. Chensky

### There Were Some Changes Made

Soph Sing proudly announced the names of two new officers. Harriet Seidner will be the new choral leader, while David Posner takes charge of the musical arrangements. The two above-pictured unbiased seniors wish you luck.

### Wanted!

Stan Saltzman, former Tildenite, needs his report on epilepsy which has been lost. If this paper is found, return it to the Boys' Health Education Department. (This is a paid political announcement).

Many suggestions (shall we say criticisms) have been made concerning what should be done with this column. One could read it (but this is highly unlikely); one could wrap fish in it (but this is highly improper). The best thing to do is to place it gently in the nearest circular file.

## U.N. School Council Convenes Conference

Press conferences have been held recently for high school editors by the High School Council for the United Nations.

Speakers from the press services spoke to high school editors on many aspects of news reporting at the Overseas Press Club. They emphasized that it is very essential that they report facts correctly and approach a story without prejudice. This is because the stories that they write are sent to papers all over the world, and the neutral countries do not want a pro-western viewpoint.



After the speakers from the press services concluded, Mr. Milton Monif, press attaché from Portugal, spoke about the services a press attaché performs. During the question and answer period that followed, he was asked about the Indian invasion of Goa. He stated that Goa was legally part of Portugal, and India had no right to invade Goa.

On Thursday, Nov. 8th, HISCUN held a press interview in the American Mission to the United Nations with Mr. Clayton Fritchie, special assistant to Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, as guest speaker. Mr. Fritchie spoke about the Cuban and Indian situation, and displayed aerial reconnaissance photographs of Cuba. In these photographs the Soviet planes, missile launchers and missiles were clearly visible. The conference terminated when Mr. Fritchie was called to an emergency meeting on Cuba in the U.N.

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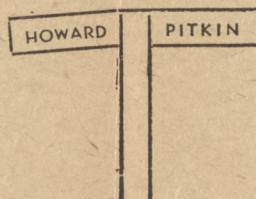
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